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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 274

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 274 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Disabled Persons Rehabilitation Act is
5 amended by changing Section 10a as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 2405/10a)

7 Sec. 10a. Financial Participation of Students Attending
8 the Illinois School for the Deaf and the Illinois School for
9 the Visually Impaired.

10 (a) General. The Illinois School for the Deaf and the
11 Illinois School for the Visually Impaired are required to
12 provide eligible students with disabilities with a free and
13 appropriate public education as required by Article 14 of the
Illinois School Code. As part of the admission process to
either school, the Department shall complete a financial
15 analysis on each student attending the Illinois School for the
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1 ~~Deaf or the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired and shall~~
2 ~~ask parents or guardians to participate, if applicable, in the~~
3 ~~cost of identified services or activities that are not~~
4 ~~education related.~~

5 (b) Financial Participation. The Department shall
6 promulgate rules concerning fees for activities or services at
7 the schools with input from (i) the superintendent of each
8 school and (ii) Directors of Special Education from selected
9 Local Education Agencies who place students at the schools.
10 Parents or guardians of students attending the Illinois School
11 for the Deaf or the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired
12 may be asked to financially participate in the following fees
13 for services or activities provided at the schools:

14 (1) Registration.

15 (2) Books, labs, and supplies (fees may vary depending
16 on the classes in which a student participates).

17 (3) Athletic or extracurricular activities (students
18 participating in multiple activities will not be required
19 to pay for more than 2 activities).

20 (4) Driver's education (if applicable).

21 (5) Graduation.

22 (6) Yearbook (optional).

23 (7) Activities (trips or leisure activities not
24 associated with classroom curriculum).

25 (8) Other activities or services identified by the
26 Department, pursuant to rule.

1 Exceptions may be granted to parents or guardians who are
2 unable to meet the financial participation obligations. The
3 Department shall promulgate rules concerning requests for
4 exception to the financial participation at the schools.

5 Any fees collected for activities or services identified in
6 (1) through (8) under this subsection (b) shall be held locally
7 by the school and used exclusively for the purpose for which
8 the fee was assessed. A separate locally held fund shall be
9 established by the Illinois School for the Deaf and the
10 Illinois School for the Visually Impaired for this purpose.

11 Completion of financial analysis. Prior to admission, and
12 annually thereafter, a financial analysis shall be completed on
13 each student attending the Illinois School for the Deaf or the
14 Illinois School for the Visually Impaired. If at any time there
15 is reason to believe there is a change in the student's
16 financial situation that will affect their financial
17 participation, a new financial analysis shall be completed.

18 (1) In completing the student's financial analysis,
19 the income of the student's family shall be used. Proof of
20 income must be provided and retained for each parent or
21 guardian.

22 (2) Any funds that have been established on behalf of
23 the student for completion of their primary or secondary
24 education shall be considered when completing the
25 financial analysis.

26 (3) Falsification of information used to complete the

1 ~~financial analysis may result in the Department taking~~
2 ~~action to recoup monies previously expended by the~~
3 ~~Department in providing services to the student.~~

4 (c) (Blank). ~~Financial Participation~~. Utilizing a sliding
5 scale based on income standards developed by rule by the
6 Department with input from the superintendent of each school,
7 parents or guardians of students attending the Illinois School
8 for the Deaf or the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired
9 may be asked to financially participate in the following fees
10 for services or activities provided at the schools:

11 (1) ~~Registration~~.

12 (2) ~~Books, labs, and supplies (fees may vary depending~~
13 ~~on the classes in which a student participates)~~.

14 (3) ~~Room and board for residential students~~.

15 (4) ~~Meals for day students~~.

16 (5) ~~Athletic or extracurricular activities (students~~
17 ~~participating in multiple activities will not be required~~
18 ~~to pay for more than 2 activities)~~.

19 (6) ~~Driver's education (if applicable)~~.

20 (7) ~~Graduation~~.

21 (8) ~~Yearbook (optional)~~.

22 (9) ~~Activities (field trips or other leisure~~
23 ~~activities)~~.

24 (10) ~~Other activities or services identified by the~~
25 ~~Department~~.

26 ~~Students, parents, or guardians who are receiving Medicaid~~

1 ~~or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) shall not be~~
2 ~~required to financially participate in the fees established in~~
3 ~~this subsection (e).~~

4 ~~Exceptions may be granted to parents or guardians who are~~
5 ~~unable to meet the financial participation obligations due to~~
6 ~~extenuating circumstances. Requests for exceptions must be~~
7 ~~made in writing and must be submitted to the superintendent for~~
8 ~~initial recommendation with a final determination by the~~
9 ~~Director of the Division of Rehabilitation Services.~~

10 ~~Any fees collected under this subsection (e) shall be held~~
11 ~~locally by the school and used exclusively for the purpose for~~
12 ~~which the fee was assessed.~~

13 (Source: P.A. 97-74, eff. 6-30-11.)

14 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
15 becoming law.".